

role of broadcast media in strengthening democracy. Please bear with me. We have with us today Ms. Barisa Berrezeg Haraoubia from Algeria, Mr. Tarek Mohamed Ahmed Allam from Egypt, Mr. Mohamed El-Sayed Magdy Hassan from Egypt, Mr. Jewad Amin Mustafa from Jordan, Mr. Khamis Thani Mohamed Ali from the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Hamad Nasser Khamis from the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Ali Rayyan from the West Bank, and Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Qawi from Yemen. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Unicameral of Nebraska. We now move on to LB 118. LB 574.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 574, a bill by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year, at that time was referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Revenue Committee amendments pending, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Warner to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Quickly, Madam President, the committee amendments are purely a technical amendment that...one, it harmonizes...well, it doesn't harmonize. Well, it does harmonize the section that we referred to in Internal Revenue Code as exists for assessment date. And the other is a reconciliation of a variety of operative dates for different parts of the bill. I'd just move its adoption and allow Senator Wickersham to explain his bill then.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President, members of the body, I apologize, Senator Wickersham, I didn't have a chance to visit with you about this, but I don't think there will be a problem with it after you realize what it does. This amendment simply strikes Sections 4 through 95 of the bill. This is a 215-page...213-page bill, it's entirely too long, and I think in the interest of saving money in state government we need to cut back. So that's my amendment. I'd yield my time to Senator Wickersham to respond.